(c) The Delhi Development Authority expects that all the wait listed persons would be allotted flats within a period of about two years subject to availability of land and infrastructure facilities, for which it is dependent on other agencies like GNCTD, MCD, DESU, etc.

(d) and (e). The costing of DDA flats is done on the overall 'no profit no loss' basis. The cost of MIG flats as on date ranges from Rs. 5.50 lakhs to Rs. 6.50 lakhs depending upon the plinth area, floor, locality etc.

(f) The DDA has taken the following steps for containing the cost of its flats :

(i) Interest rate being charged earlier @ 17% has been reduced to 15% on capital invested during construction

(ii) Interest on capital investment which was being charged for 20 months has been reduced to 15 months for flats upto Double storey and to 18 months for flats beyond double storey.

(iii) One time discount has been introduced for flats in far flung/outlying areas (like Narela and Rohini phase-III) at the rate of Rs. 100/- per sqm. of the plinth area of the flat

(iv) In respect of Ground floor flats, EWS charges which were being levied @ 5.5% have been dispensed with and to provide relief to upper storey flats floor equalisation charges have been introduced i.e. 4.5% for G.P. is to be added by giving discount of 1%, 1.5% and 2% for Ist, IInd and IIIrd floor flats respectively which results in reduction of cost ranging from Rs. 15000/- to Rs. 20,000/- for MIG and Rs. 6000/- to Rs. 8000/- for LIG flats on upper floors.

(v) Rationalisation of Specifications.

(vi) Optimisation of density/FAR use.

(vii) Better material and stock inventory management.

Public Holiday

3973. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether December 6, 1996 and January 18, 1997 have been declared Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith background thereof;

(c) whether the provisoins of these holidays will be extended to employees working in shops and private factories of country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). No Sir. The Central Government has not declared public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

(c) to (e). Closing of shops and private factories is regulated under the Statutory Acts notified by the respective State Governments/Union Territories.

Panel of Deputy Secretaries

3974. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5193 on the 11th September, 1996 regarding panel of Deputy Secretaries and state :

(a) whether the dispute relating to the seniority of Section Officers Grade has no bearing as to the position of officers appointed as Under Secretary on the basis of the Departmental Limited Central Secretariat Service Grade I Examination 1986;

(b) if so, the reasons for which such officers have so far not been promoted to the post of Deputy Secretary and

(c) the time by which the Selection Grade Select List for the year 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). Consequent upon finalisation of the Common Seniority List of Section Officers on 15.5.1996 in pursuance of the order dated 22.3.1995 of the Central Administrative Tribunal, the *inter se* seniority of Section Officers has changed. The eligibility of a number of them for empanelment as Under Secretaries in the relevant years has also undergone a change. Proposals for review DPC for the Grade I panels of 1984, 1985 and 1986 alongwith proposal for the regular panel of 1987 have been sent to UPSC. Only after the completion of that exercise, it would be possible to prepare the selection grade Select Lists for 1993 onwards.

Dividend to Share Holders

3975. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether no dividend has been paid to share-holders of Kendriya Bhandar by the Management during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor despite huge profit being earned each year;